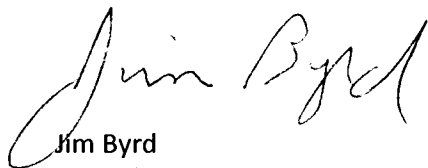


Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Clerk's Office
P.O. Brawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

2011-47-WS

As a customer of Carolina Water Service in Lexington county, I would like to express my objection to their current request for an 80% increase in water and sewer rates. My wife and I have lived in the Rollingwood subdivision just outside the Lexington town limits since January 1980, and have been CWS customers all of that time. As I'm sure you're aware, several years ago CWS shut down the wells they had in Rollingwood and tapped into the Lexington County water main that runs down Old Cherokee Road. Since then, they are simply delivering the county water to customers and marking up the price over and above what the county would be charging us. Other than that, I am hard pressed to remember any significant improvements they have made during the 30+ years we have lived here. We have had boil-water advisories on several occasions, however. In fact, we feel we have been paying premium prices for water and sewer the entire time we have lived in our home. The idea that they could justify an 80% rate increase is ridiculous. This is especially outrageous at this particular time, when I'm sure many CWS customers are out of work.

Please consider these points when deciding on the current CWS rate increase request.



Jim Byrd
119 Lake Harbor Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

RECEIVED

MAY 2 2011

CLERK'S OFFICE